

REMARKS

This application is amended in a manner believed to place it in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the rejoinder of claims 11, 12, and 17-20 with the elected subject matter of claims 13, 14, and 16.

Claims 11-13, 16, 18-20 are amended.

Claim 1-10 and 17 are cancelled without prejudice, as applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Support for the amended claims may be found, for example, at page 3, line 24 to page 7, line 4 and 8, lines 7-24.

Claims 11-13, 16, and 18-20 remain pending.

Claims 13, 14, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The position of the Official Action is that essential steps are omitted from claims 13 and 16.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the suggestion offered in the Official Action to incorporate the features of claim 17 into claims 13 and 16 to overcome the rejection.

As claims 13 and 16 are amended as suggested in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11 and 12 are objected to being dependent upon a withdrawn claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of the allowable subject matter.

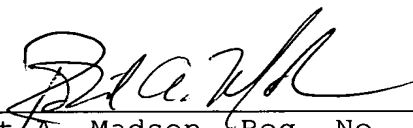
As claim 11 is amended to recite R , R_2 and R_3 in a manner consistent with claim 1, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendment to claims and the foregoing remarks, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage on that basis is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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